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FEATURING: ☐ Egg Production ☐ Farm Labor ☐ Livestock Slaughter ☐ Milk Production ☐ Cold Storage

OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during October, 2008 totaled 618 million eggs, up 4 percent from last month. Egg production was also up 4 percent from a year earlier when production for October, 2007, totaled 596 million eggs. During October, there were 26.6 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during October, 2008, was 2,326 eggs per 100 layers, or 75.0 percent. There were 4.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being molted on November 1, 2008, compared to 2.5 percent a year ago. Ohio had 17.0 percent of layers that completed a forced molt on November 1, compared with 18.0 percent a year ago. In the U.S. on November 1, 2008, 2.3 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 22.9 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.61 billion during October 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.54 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2008 averaged 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,276 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2008 totaled 336 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 336 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.3 million

layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2008, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from November 1, 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2008 totaled 40.0 million, up 10 percent from October 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on November 1, 2008, down slightly from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2008 totaled 742 million, down 7 percent from October 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 585 million on November 1, 2008, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2008, in the United States totaled 27.5 million, down 12 percent from November 1, 2007. Eggs in incubators were down 4 percent from the October 1, 2008 total of 28.7 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during October 2008, in the United States totaled 23.3 million, down 10 percent from October 2007. Poults hatched were down 2 percent from September 2008 total of 23.7 million poults.

OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	26,204	26,567	2,326	596	618	6,571	6,597
U.S.	342,637	334,560	2,276	7,726	7,613	83,039	82,636

1/ Accumulation period 2326began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Oct.	36,332	39,998	110	794,846	742,121	93	25,222	22,222	88
Jan.-Oct.	374,011	394,232	105	7,993,470	7,958,229	100	49,295	44,737	91

1/ Accumulation period for turkey begins September 1.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - NOVEMBER 1

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
East North Central ^{1/}	6,708	6,544	98	11,969	11,028	92	4,666	4,276	92
United States	34,466	34,424	100	632,225	585,025	93	31,146	27,490	88

1/ Not available by States.

CORNBELT I HIRED WORKERS DOWN 24 PERCENT, COMBINED WAGE RATE SAME AS YEAR EARLIER

There were 38,000 hired workers in the Cornbelt I region during the survey week of October 12-18, 2008, down 12,000 from a year earlier. There were 27,000 hired workers who worked 150 days or more and 11,000 hired workers who worked 149 days or less.

Farm operators in the Cornbelt I region paid their hired farm workers an average wage of \$10.60 per hour during the survey week, unchanged from last year. Field workers received an average of \$10.31 per hour, up 7 cents/hr from 2007. Livestock workers earned \$10.05 per hour up 30 cents/hr from a year earlier. The field and livestock workers earned \$10.25 per hour during the survey week, up 15 cents/hr from last year.

There were 1,117,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 12-18, 2008, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 801,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 316,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.70 per hour during the October 2008 reference week, up 32 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.05 per hour, up 43 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour compared with \$10.02 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.08 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 41.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

In the Cornbelt I region, the annual average number of hired farm workers in 2008 was 38,300, down 8,200 workers from 2007. The annual average for the Nation's hired farm workers was 730,800, down 15,700 workers from 2007. The average hourly wage rate of Cornbelt I region workers was \$11.10 in 2008, up from \$10.55 in 2007. Field worker average wage rate was \$10.36, up 28 cents from last year. Field and livestock combined rate was \$10.45 up 55 cents from last year.

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, CORNBELT I, AND U.S., OCTOBER 12-18, 2008, WITH COMPARISONS

	Cornbelt I ^{1/}			United States ^{2/}		
	Oct. 7-13 2007	July 6-12 2008	Oct. 12-18 2008	Oct. 7-13 2007	July 6-12 2008	Oct 12-18 2008
Thousands of workers						
Farm Employment						
Hired	50	44	38	817	828	801
150 days or more	33	33	27	603	585	575
149 days or less	17	11	11	214	243	226
Ag service workers				329	345	316
Dollars per hour						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers ^{3/ 4/}	10.60	10.90	10.60	10.38	10.34	10.70
Type of work						
Field	10.24	10.27	10.31	9.62	9.66	10.05
Livestock	9.75	10.87	10.05	10.02	9.98	10.19
Field & Livestock	10.10	10.43	10.25	9.73	9.74	10.08
Hours worked per week						
Hired	42.7	35.0	37.2	42.2	40.5	41.3

1/ Ohio, Indiana, Illinois. 2/ Excludes AK. 3/ Benefits, such as housing and meals are provided for some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 5/ Revised.

ANNUAL FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, OHIO, CORNBELT I, AND U.S., 2007-2008^{4/}

	Ohio		Cornbelt I ^{1/}		United States ^{2/}	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Thousands of workers						
Farm Employment						
Hired	NA	NA	46.5	38.3	746.5	730.8
Dollars per hour						
Wage Rates ^{3/ 4/}						
Type of work						
All hired	NA	10.70	10.55	11.10	10.23	10.59
Field	NA	10.17	10.08	10.36	9.40	9.78
Field & Livestock	NA	10.17	9.90	10.45	9.49	9.89
Hours worked per week						
Hired	NA	NA	39.5	36.2	40.8	40.4

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OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP THREE PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during October 2008 totaled 27.9 million pounds; up 3 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 11.7 million pounds, down 6 percent; calves, very little slaughter; hogs, 27.9 million pounds, down 1 percent; sheep & lambs, 144 thousand pounds, down 9 percent.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.53 billion pounds in October, down 2 percent from the 4.62 billion pounds produced in October 2007. Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, down 4 percent from October 2007. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,303 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.6 million pounds, 22 percent above October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 95,700

head, up 47 percent from October 2007. The average live weight was down 44 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.16 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.8 million head, up 1 percent from October 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was down 8 percent from October 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 225,000 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

October 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

OCTOBER COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 2007, 2008

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2007	2008	Pct. of prev. yr.	2007	2008	Pct. of prev. yr.
Number of Head (000)						
Cattle	10.6	9.7	92	3,102.0	2,990.8	96
Calves	.1	5.4	^{1/}	65.3	95.7	147
Hogs	104.0	101.9	98	10,656.6	10,750.7	101
Sheep & lambs	1.5	1.4	93	248.4	225.0	91
Average live weight (lbs)						
Cattle	1,168	1,209	104	1,300	1,303	100
Calves	350	454	^{1/}	288	244	85
Hogs	271	274	101	270	269	100
Sheep & lambs	105	106	101	132	133	101
Total live weight (000 lbs)						
Cattle	12,391	11,704	94	4,017,875	3,884,287	97
Calves	35	2,426	^{1/}	18,607	23,055	124
Hogs	28,135	27,869	99	2,870,727	2,893,860	101
Sheep & lambs	158	144	91	32,760	29,885	91

^{1/} Insufficient data for comparison.

OHIO OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during October 2008 was 414 million pounds, 7 million pounds more than a year earlier.

The average number of cows on Ohio farms during October 2008 was 278 thousand; 1 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,490 pounds, was 1 percent above a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from October 2007. September

revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from September 2007. The September revision represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,700 pounds for October, 3 pounds above October 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 105,000 head more than October 2007, and 1,000 head more than September 2008.

SEPTEMBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS 2007, 2008

	Ohio			United States		
	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream (Hard)	2,046	2,105	103	70,121	76,023	108

OCTOBER MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION 2006, 2007

State	Milk cows on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}			
	Oct. 2007	Sept. 2008 *	Oct. 2008	Oct. 2007	Sept. 2008 *	Oct. 2008	Oct. 2007	Sept. 2008 *	Oct. 2008	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,826	1,840	1,839	1,870	1,780	1,840	3,415	3,275	3,384	99
Ohio	277	278	278	1,470	1,450	1,490	407	403	414	102
Wisconsin	1,249	1,253	1,253	1,600	1,580	1,625	1,998	1,980	2,036	102
23 State Total	8,355	8,459	8,460	1,697	1,651	1,700	14,176	13,963	14,382	102

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2008 were greater than year earlier levels for turkey, chicken, pork, and cheese.

Butter stocks were down 20 percent from last month and down 24 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 2 percent from the previous month and up slightly from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 4 percent from

last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 7 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2008 were down 2 percent from the previous month but up 22 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 13 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 8 percent from last month but up 37 percent from October 31, 2007.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE OCTOBER 31, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2007	Sep. 30, 2008	Oct. 31, 2008	October 31, 2008 as percent of	
				10/31/07	09/30/08
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	196,629	186,878	149,413	76	80
Cheese, Total Natural	810,619	834,177	823,468	102	99
Eggs, Frozen	17,556	21,890	21,074	120	96
Fruits, Frozen	1,352,415	1,130,651	1,369,874	101	121
Fruit Juices, Frozen	946,711	1,493,178	1,430,398	151	96
Meats, Total Red	1,003,207	984,543	1,004,857	100	102
Beef, Total Frozen	488,033	448,133	463,037	95	103
Pork, Total Frozen	494,751	507,714	513,361	104	101
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,117,175	1,382,367	1,357,557	122	98
Chicken	694,020	759,321	784,556	113	103
Turkeys	416,971	621,475	571,219	137	92
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,403,564	2,458,656	2,603,453	108	106
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,133,758	1,180,803	1,201,021	106	102

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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